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NEW DATA SERIES BEGINS IN JANUARY: Effective with data for January, 1985, civilian labor force estimates (both unadjusted and seasonally adjusted) for North Carolina are derived directly from the Current Population Survey (CPS). The CPS is a household survey conducted by the Census Bureau for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The survey produces monthly labor force data for the nation and the eleven largest states. Neither the unadjusted data nor the seasonally adjusted data for January, 1985, are comparable with previously published series due to the significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates for North Carolina.

The official estimates for North Carolina prior to 1985 were not derived from the household survey; consequently, seasonally adjusted data are not available.

Most economic series, including employment and unemployment data, are affected by seasonal variations. Often it is difficult to tell from raw statistics whether development between any two months reflect changing economic conditions or merely normal seasonal fluctuations. So, to compare employment and unemployment data for any pairs of months accurately, a statistical technique know as seasonal adjustment is used.

Seasonal fluctuations are those which occur more or less regularly each year--crop seasons, changes in weather, opening and closing of schools, major holidays, industry model changes, and the like. The cumulative effect of these events are often large; on average, for example, they can explain more than 90 percent of the over-the-month change in unemployment. The object of seasonal adjustment, then, is to eliminate the seasonal variations that usually occur in the month and highlight the change, if any, that exceeded the normal or expected change. Without this separation of the seasonal component of month-to-month changes, the continuing trend in the particular series would be more difficult to discern.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT DECREASES IN JANUARY: In the middle of January, 1985, manufacturing employment (not seasonally adjusted) in the State was estimated to be 820,100, a net over-the-month loss of 4,700 persons (-0.6 percent). The durable goods segment accounted for 2,200 of that drop as all of its industries except two experienced declines. Nonelectrical machinery recorded the largest decrease, falling by 900 workers (-1.6 percent). Electrical machinery followed, down by 600 people (-0.9 percent). The nondurable goods segment fell by 2,500 persons (-0.5 percent) as most of its industries sustained monthly losses. The greatest losses occurred in apparel and related products (-1,100) and food and kindred products (-1,000).

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT DOWN OVER THE MONTH: North Carolina's nonmanufacturing employment, not seasonally adjusted, was estimated to be 1,766,300 in mid-January of this year. A noticeable net monthly decline of 27,000 workers (-1.5 percent) resulted as five of the seven industry groups suffered losses. Trade exhibited a large seasonal drop of 14,000 people (-2.4 percent), and government fell by 7,300 persons (-1.7 percent).

MANUFACTURING DOWN BUT NONMANUFACTURING UP OVER THE YEAR: From January, 1984, to January, 1985, manufacturing employment in the State decreased by 3,800 workers (-0.5 percent). Nevertheless, there were still several industry groups that enjoyed strong growth: electrical machinery (+4,400), nonelectrical machin- (+2,500), rubber and miscellaneous plastic products (+2,500), and fabricated metals (+1,400). Statewide nonmanufacturing employment was 103,000 (+6.2 percent) more than one year ago as all seven of the industry groups experienced increases. The four largest were trade (+36,000), service and miscellaneous (+25,100), construction (+23,000), and government (+9,700).

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SIGNIFICANT IN JANUARY: North Carolina's total unemployment (not seasonally adjusted) was estimated to be 213,200 during the mid-week of January of this year, representing 7.1 percent of the civilian labor force in the State. Seasonally adjusted, total unemployment for North Carolina in mid-January, 1985, was estimated at 208,000, for an unemployment rate of 6.8 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 8.0 percent in January, 1985, 7.0 percent in December, 1984, and 8.8 percent one year ago. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 7.4 percent this January, 7.2 percent in December, and 8.0 percent twelve months ago.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

January, 1985 1/

Item	January 1985
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)	
Civilian Labor Force	2,999,400
Employment	2,786,200
Unemployment	213,200
Unemployment Rate	7.1
(Seasonally Adjusted)	
Civilian Labor Force	3,056,000
Employment	2,848,000
Unemployment	208,000
Unemployment Rate	6.8
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.0
(Seasonally Adjusted)	7.4

1/ Data prior to January, 1985, for North Carolina, are not comparable due to significant change in the procedure for deriving monthly labor force estimates.

BOTH AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS DECLINE: From the middle of December, 1984, to the middle of January, 1985, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees fell by 1¢ an hour (-0.1 percent) to $7.14. However, the current figure is 24¢ an hour (+3.5 percent) more than one year ago. The durable goods segment suffered a more noticeable net over-the-month loss of 5¢ an hour (-0.7 percent) to drop to $7.32 in January of this year.

Over the year, however, the durable goods sector increased by 19¢ an hour (+2.7 percent). The durable goods industry which enjoyed the largest net over-the-month gain, was stone, clay, and glass products, up by 22¢ an hour (+2.9 percent) to hit $7.83 in January, 1985. The primary metal industries followed and experienced a net monthly increase of 18¢ an hour (+2.2 percent) to reach $8.48. The nondurable goods segment recorded a modest net monthly rise of 4¢ an hour (+0.6 percent) to arrive at $7.03 this January. Since January of last year, the nondurable goods sector advanced by 27¢ an hour (+4.0 percent). Tobacco manufacturing led the way in nondurables with a net monthly surge of 16¢ an hour (+1.3 percent) to climb to $12.30. Chemicals and allied products was a close second with a net over-the-month gain of 15¢ an hour (+1.6 percent) for a January, 1985, level of $9.47. From mid-December, 1984, to mid-January, 1985, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers sustained a loss of $8.97 (-3.1 percent) to fall to $278.46. Since January of 1984, however, there has been modest growth of $4.53 (+1.7 percent). Average weekly hours stood at 39.0 in January, 1985, down by 1.2 hours over the month and by 0.7 of an hour over the year.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX CONTINUES TO RISE: The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers climbed to 316.1 in January of this year, according to the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. That was an over-the-month gain of 0.2 percent and an over-the-year increase of 3.6 percent. The group that experienced the largest monthly gain was "other" goods and services, the cost of which rose by 0.8 percent. That was followed by food and beverages and medical care, both rising by 0.7 percent over the month. The good news is that both apparel and upkeep and transportation continue to drop, down by 1.7 percent and 0.3 percent, respectively. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, fell to 31.6¢ in January, 1985.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS INCREASES IN JANUARY: As of January 31, 1985, there were 163,294 active job applicants registered for work with the local Job Service offices across the State, a net over-the-month jump of 5,456 people (+3.5 percent). The largest applicant segment by age was twenty-two to thirty-nine with 101,965 or 62.5 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four age group came next with 28,556 or 17.5 percent. The fifty-five and over sector once again had the lowest number of active applicants with 8,736 or 5.3 percent of the total. Females made up the majority of the active applicants with 83,255 or 51.0 percent of the total. The ethnic group Black, not Hispanic, comprised 41.1 percent of the active applicants with a count of 67,173. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of January 31, 1985.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

January 31, 1985

	Number	Percent
Total	163,294	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	24,037	14.7
22-39	101,965	62.5
40-54	28,556	17.5
55 and Over	8,736	5.3
Sex		
Male	80,039	49.0
Female	83,255	51.0
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	92,397	56.6
Black, not Hispanic	67,173	41.1
Hispanic	726	0.4
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,210	1.4
Other Races and Undetermined	788	0.5
Eligible Claimant	66,117	40.5
Veteran	31,381	19.2
Handicapped	10,646	6.5
Welfare	24,926	15.3
Seasonal Farmworker	1,235	0.8

THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS GROWS OVER THE MONTH: During January, 1985, there were 14,908 job openings received by the local Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina, which reflected a net monthly increase of 2,818 (+23.3 percent). A good percentage of these job openings was filled (65.7 percent or 9,788). The occupational group with the largest number of job openings received in January was service with 2,622. Most of those were filled (1,737 or 66.2 percent). Next came bench work with 2,319 job openings received and 1,159 or 50.0 percent filled. The miscellaneous category followed with 2,047 job openings received and 1,733 or 84.7 percent filled. Processing continues to have the lowest number of job openings with only 356 in January, but the vast majority of those was filled (316 or 88.8 percent). There were 161,328 job openings received by the local Job Service offices across the State from July 1, 1984, through January 31, 1985. Most of these job openings were filled (128,895 or 79.9 percent). There were 13,590 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of January 31, 1985. The majority of those job openings (9,038 or 66.5 percent) had been classified as hard-to-fill due to remaining open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on the State's job openings in January, 1985, and for the fiscal year to date (July 1,1984, through January 31,1985).

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

Occupation	January, 1985		Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of Jan. 31, 1985	
	Received	Filled	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., and Mgr.	880	362	6,187	2,717	1,473	975
Clerical	2,027	1,220	16,756	10,967	1,854	983
Sales	772	343	5,375	3,087	845	446
Service	2,622	1,737	23,511	17,542	2,283	1,509
Domestic	152	110	1,789	1,504	85	49
Other Services	2,470	1,627	21,722	16,038	2,198	1,460
Farm., Fish., and Forest.	733	717	39,767	39,006	160	103
Processing	356	316	6,258	5,893	398	321
Machine Trades	1,194	753	10,098	7,425	1,209	786
Bench Work	2,319	1,159	13,912	11,220	2,161	1,801
Structural Work	1,958	1,448	19,802	14,789	1,941	1,317
Miscellaneous	2,047	1,733	19,662	16,249	1,266	797
Motor Freight and Trans.	415	277	3,693	2,408	369	229
Pkg. and Mat. Hand.	1,579	1,426	15,495	13,550	842	538
Other	53	30	974	291	55	30
Total	14,908	9,788	161,328	128,895	13,590	9,038

1/ July 1, 1984, through January 31, 1985.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1985 (Thous.)	December 1984 (Thous.)	January 1984 (Thous.)	December 1984	January 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2586.4	2618.1	2487.2	- 1.2	+ 4.0
MANUFACTURING	820.1	824.8	823.9	- 0.6	- 0.5
DURABLE GOODS	333.2	335.4	321.8	- 0.7	+ 3.5
Lumber & Wood Products	36.4	36.7	36.3	- 0.8	+ 0.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.1	13.2	13.2	- 0.8	- 0.8
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	9.0	9.0	8.8	0	+ 2.3
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.4	4.4	4.5	0	- 2.2
Furniture & Fixtures	85.2	84.8	84.8	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
Household Furniture	75.0	74.6	75.4	+ 0.5	- 0.5
Wood Household Furniture	37.4	37.1	38.3	+ 0.8	- 2.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.5	31.4	31.0	+ 0.3	+ 1.6
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.4	18.7	17.9	- 1.6	+ 2.8
Structural Clay Products	2.4	2.5	2.2	- 4.0	+ 9.1
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.3	5.3	4.9	0	+ 8.2
Primary Metal Industries	11.1	11.3	10.2	- 1.8	+ 8.8
Fabricated Metal Products	26.9	27.0	25.5	- 0.4	+ 5.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.5	8.5	8.2	0	+ 3.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.2	56.1	52.7	- 1.6	+ 4.7
Special Industry Machinery	7.3	7.5	7.4	- 2.7	- 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	63.8	64.4	59.4	- 0.9	+ 7.4
Household Appliances	5.7	6.1	5.6	- 6.6	+ 1.8
Transportation Equipment	21.0	20.8	19.7	+ 1.0	+ 6.6
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.2	15.6	15.3	- 2.6	- 0.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	486.9	489.4	502.1	- 0.5	- 3.0
Food & Kindred Products	43.6	44.6	42.9	- 2.2	+ 1.6
Meat Products	18.0	18.5	17.1	- 2.7	+ 5.3
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.7	2.5	- 3.7	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 4.0
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.0	8.1	7.9	- 1.2	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.1	6.3	6.2	- 3.2	- 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	24.7	25.0	23.7	- 1.2	+ 4.2
Cigarettes	19.8	20.1	19.6	- 1.5	+ 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.5	4.5	3.6	0	+ 25.0
Textile Mill Products	210.5	210.5	226.6	0	- 7.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	57.5	57.3	63.5	+ 0.3	- 9.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.9	29.0	33.5	- 0.3	- 13.7
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	27.8	27.5	29.0	+ 1.1	- 4.1
Knitting Mills	74.4	74.5	79.5	- 0.1	- 6.4
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.2	22.1	23.5	+ 0.5	- 5.5
Hosiery, NEC	21.5	21.6	22.3	- 0.5	- 3.6
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.3	13.4	15.1	- 0.7	- 11.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.9	6.9	7.0	0	- 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.3	14.5	15.0	- 1.4	- 4.7
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.5	51.3	55.1	+ 0.4	- 6.5

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1985

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1985 (Thous.)	December 1984 (Thous.)	January 1984 (Thous.)	December 1984	January 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.5	90.6	92.1	- 1.2	- 2.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.0	29.2	29.9	- 0.7	- 3.0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	40.0	40.6	42.3	- 1.5	- 5.4
Paper & Allied Products	22.5	22.3	22.3	+ 0.9	
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	11.1	11.0	11.1	+ 0.9	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.4	7.4	- 1.4	- 1.4
Printing & Publishing	25.1	24.9	23.7	+ 0.8	+ 5.9
Newspapers	9.3	9.3	8.8	0	+ 5.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.9	37.3	38.2	- 1.1	- 3.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	12.9	13.0	13.9	- 0.8	- 7.2
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	29.7	29.8	27.2	- 0.3	+ 9.2
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.4	4.4	5.4	0	- 18.5
NONMANUFACTURING	1766.3	1793.3	1663.3	- 1.5	+ 6.2
MINING	4.6	4.6	4.3	0	+ 7.0
CONSTRUCTION	139.0	141.9	116.0	- 2.0	+ 19.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	128.1	130.1	123.4	- 1.5	+ 3.8
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	69.0	70.9	64.2	- 2.7	+ 7.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.0	54.0	54.1	0	- 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	561.4	575.4	525.4	- 2.4	+ 6.9
Wholesale Trade	131.7	132.3	126.0	- 0.5	+ 4.5
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.3	79.1	74.2	+ 0.3	+ 6.9
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	52.4	53.2	51.8	- 1.5	+ 1.2
Retail Trade	429.7	443.1	399.4	- 3.0	+ 7.6
General Merchandise Stores	57.5	63.7	55.0	- 9.7	+ 4.5
Variety Stores					
Food Stores	66.6	67.4	65.6	- 1.2	+ 1.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	106.3	106.0	102.1	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	403.7	404.8	378.6	- 0.3	+ 6.6
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.1	22.7	19.9	- 2.6	+ 11.1
Personal Services	26.1	26.0	25.0	+ 0.4	+ 4.4
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.8	10.9	10.5	- 0.9	+ 2.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	423.2	430.5	413.5	- 1.7	+ 2.3
Federal	50.3	50.5	49.9	- 0.4	+ 0.8
State	122.5	128.2	118.9	-118.9	- 3.0
Education	61.2	67.3	60.0	- 9.1	+ 2.0
Other	61.3	60.9	58.9	+ 0.7	+ 4.1
Local	250.4	251.8	244.7	- 0.6	+ 2.3
Education	137.9	138.6	133.6	- 0.5	+ 3.6
Other	112.5	113.2	111.1	- 0.6	+ 1.3

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1985 (Thous.)	December 1984 (Thous.)	January 1984 (Thous.)	December 1984	January 1984
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2621.4	2597.2	2513.9	+ 0.9	+ 4.3
MANUFACTURING	825.9	824.2	829.6	+ 0.2	- 0.4
DURABLE GOODS	335.2	334.4	323.6	+ 0.2	+ 3.6
Lumber & Wood Products	37.3	36.8	37.2	+ 1.4	+ 0.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	13.5	13.2	13.6	+ 2.3	- 0.7
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	9.1	9.0	8.9	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.7	4.4	4.8	+ 6.8	- 2.1
Furniture & Fixtures	84.6	83.8	84.2	+ 1.0	+ 0.5
Household Furniture	74.6	73.7	75.0	+ 1.2	- 0.5
Wood Household Furniture	37.5	38.1	38.4	- 1.6	- 2.3
Upholstered Household Furniture	31.3	31.0	30.8	+ 1.0	+ 1.3
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	18.7	18.8	18.2	- 0.5	+ 2.7
Structural Clay Products	2.6	2.5	2.4	+ 4.0	+ 8.3
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	5.5	5.3	5.1	+ 3.8	+ 7.8
Primary Metal Industries	11.2	11.3	10.3	- 0.9	+ 8.7
Fabricated Metal Products	27.0	26.7	25.6	+ 1.1	+ 5.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.5	8.5	8.2	0	+ 3.7
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	55.0	55.6	52.5	- 1.1	+ 4.8
Special Industry Machinery	7.2	7.4	7.3	- 2.7	- 1.4
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	64.9	64.7	60.4	+ 0.3	+ 7.5
Household Appliances	6.4	6.2	6.3	+ 3.2	+ 1.6
Transportation Equipment	21.3	21.1	19.9	+ 0.9	+ 7.0
Other Durable Goods 2/	15.2	15.6	15.3	- 2.6	- 0.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	490.7	489.8	506.0	+ 0.2	- 3.0
Food & Kindred Products	44.6	44.6	43.9	0	+ 1.6
Meat Products	18.1	18.5	17.2	- 2.2	+ 5.2
Meat Packing Plants	2.6	2.6	2.5	0	+ 4.0
Dairy Products	2.7	2.6	2.6	+ 3.8	+ 3.8
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	8.1	8.1	8.0	0	+ 1.2
Beverages	6.3	6.4	6.4	- 1.6	- 1.6
Tobacco Manufacturers	25.1	24.8	24.1	+ 1.2	+ 4.1
Cigarettes	19.8	20.1	19.6	- 1.5	+ 1.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.7	4.3	3.8	+ 9.3	+ 23.7
Textile Mill Products	212.0	210.7	228.2	+ 0.6	- 7.1
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	57.4	57.2	63.4	+ 0.3	- 9.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton	28.6	28.9	33.2	- 1.0	- 13.9
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	27.9	27.6	29.1	+ 1.1	- 4.1
Knitting Mills	75.4	74.9	80.5	+ 0.7	- 6.3
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	22.2	22.0	23.5	+ 0.9	- 5.5
Hosiery, NEC	22.1	21.8	22.9	+ 1.4	- 3.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.5	13.4	15.3	+ 0.7	- 11.8
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	7.1	7.0	7.2	+ 1.4	- 1.4
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	14.5	14.5	15.2	0	- 4.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.5	51.4	55.1	+ 0.2	- 6.5

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1985

Seasonally Adjusted

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1985 (Thous.)	December 1984 (Thous.)	January 1984 (Thous.)	December 1984	January 1984
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.2	91.1	92.8	- 1.0	- 2.8
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	29.1	29.3	30.1	- 0.7	- 3.3
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	40.5	40.9	42.8	- 1.0	- 5.4
Paper & Allied Products	22.3	22.1	22.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.9
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	11.0	10.9	11.0	+ 0.9	0
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	7.3	7.4	7.4	- 1.4	- 1.4
Printing & Publishing	24.8	24.6	23.4	+ 0.8	+ 6.0
Newspapers	9.3	9.2	8.8	+ 1.1	+ 5.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	37.0	37.6	38.3	- 1.6	- 3.4
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.0	13.0	14.0	0	- 7.1
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	30.2	29.9	27.7	+ 1.0	+ 9.0
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	4.5	4.4	5.5	+ 2.3	- 18.2
NONMANUFACTURING	1795.5	1773.0	1684.3	+ 1.3	+ 6.6
MINING	4.7	4.6	4.4	+ 2.2	+ 6.8
CONSTRUCTION	149.6	141.3	124.9	+ 5.9	+ 19.8
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	129.7	129.6	124.9	+ 0.1	+ 3.8
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	70.4	70.2	65.5	+ 0.3	+ 7.5
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.1	54.2	54.2	- 0.2	- 0.2
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	570.8	560.9	534.2	+ 1.8	+ 6.9
Wholesale Trade	133.2	132.8	127.5	+ 0.3	+ 5.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	79.6	79.2	74.5	+ 0.5	+ 14.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	53.6	53.6	53.0	0	+ 1.1
Retail Trade	437.6	428.1	406.7	+ 2.2	+ 7.6
General Merchandise Stores	57.1	55.9	54.6	+ 2.1	+ 4.6
Variety Stores	INA	INA	INA	INA	INA
Food Stores	67.0	66.8	66.8	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	107.5	106.2	102.7	+ 1.2	+ 4.7
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	413.2	410.5	382.8	+ 0.7	+ 7.9
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	25.7	24.7	20.4	+ 4.0	+ 26.0
Personal Services	25.4	26.2	29.0	- 3.1	- 12.4
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.9	10.8	10.2	+ 0.9	+ 6.9
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	420.0	419.9	410.4	+ 0.02	+ 2.3
Federal	50.7	50.9	50.3	- 0.4	+ 0.8
State	124.0	123.5	120.3	+ 0.4	+ 3.1
Education	61.8	61.7	60.5	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
Other	62.2	61.8	59.8	+ 0.6	+ 4.0
Local	245.3	245.5	239.8	- 0.1	+ 2.3
Education	131.0	130.5	126.9	+ 0.4	+ 3.2
Other	114.3	115.0	112.9	- 0.6	+ 1.2

1/ Current month data are preliminary.

2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.

3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.

4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

January, 1985

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	January 1985	December 1984	January 1984	December 1984	January 1984
MANUFACTURING	653.3	657.2	660.1	- 0.6	- 1.0
DURABLE GOODS	253.8	255.5	245.9	- 0.7	+ 3.2
Lumber & Wood Products	31.5	31.8	31.5	- 0.9	0
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.9	7.9	7.9	0	0
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.6	3.5	3.7	+ 2.9	- 2.7
Furniture & Fixtures	76.1	75.7	75.3	+ 0.5	+ 1.1
Household Furniture	67.6	67.2	67.6	+ 0.6	0
Wood Household Furniture	34.5	34.2	34.9	+ 0.9	- 1.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	15.2	15.5	14.7	- 1.9	+ 3.4
Structural Clay Products	1.9	2.0	1.7	- 5.0	+11.8
Primary Metal Industries	8.4	8.6	7.5	- 2.3	+12.0
Fabricated Metal Products	20.0	20.1	19.0	- 0.5	+ 5.3
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	27.3	27.5	27.2	- 0.7	+ 0.4
Special Industry Machinery	4.9	5.1	5.2	- 3.9	- 5.8
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	46.7	47.4	43.1	- 1.5	+ 8.4
Household Appliances	5.0	5.4	4.9	- 7.4	+ 2.0
Transportation Equipment	17.0	16.9	15.9	+ 0.6	+ 6.9
NONDURABLE GOODS	399.5	401.7	414.2	- 0.5	- 3.5
Food & Kindred Products	29.7	30.5	29.3	- 2.6	+ 1.4
Meat Products	15.8	16.2	14.9	- 2.5	+ 6.0
Meat Packing	1.8	1.9	1.8	- 5.3	0
Dairy Products	1.3	1.3	1.3	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0	0
Bakery Products	4.5	4.6	4.5	- 2.2	0
Beverages	2.3	2.4	2.4	- 4.2	- 4.2
Tobacco Manufacturers	19.6	19.8	18.5	- 1.0	+ 5.9
Cigarettes	15.7	15.9	15.6	- 1.3	+ 0.6
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.5	3.5	2.4	0	+45.8
Textile Mill Products	186.8	186.6	203.4	+ 0.1	- 8.2
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	51.1	50.7	57.9	+ 0.8	-11.7
Weaving Mills, Cotton	25.7	25.7	30.7	0	-16.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	24.8	24.5	26.6	+ 1.2	- 6.8
Knitting Mills	65.7	65.8	71.4	- 0.2	- 8.0
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	20.0	19.9	21.8	+ 0.5	- 8.3
Hosiery, NEC	19.7	19.7	20.8	0	- 5.3
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	11.2	11.3	12.9	- 0.9	-13.2
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.0	6.0	6.1	0	- 1.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	12.0	12.2	12.2	- 1.6	- 1.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	47.2	47.0	50.7	+ 0.4	- 6.9
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.9	80.1	80.0	- 1.5	- 1.4
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	26.1	26.4	27.2	- 1.1	- 4.0
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	34.7	35.3	36.0	- 1.7	- 3.6
Paper & Allied Products	16.8	16.7	16.9	+ 0.6	- 0.6
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	8.2	8.1	8.1	+ 1.2	+ 1.2
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.5	5.6	5.6	- 1.8	- 1.8
Printing & Publishing	15.9	15.7	14.7	+ 1.3	+ 8.2
Newspapers	3.6	3.6	3.4	0	+ 5.9
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.8	24.2	24.7	- 1.7	- 3.6
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	8.9	9.0	9.6	- 1.1	- 7.3
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	24.3	24.4	22.0	- 0.4	+10.5
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	3.7	3.7	4.7	0	-21.3

1/ Current data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products
Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/
JANUARY, 1985

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	January 1985	December 1984	January 1984	January 1985	December 1984	January 1984	January 1985	December 1984	January 1984
MANUFACTURING	$ 278.46	$ 287.43	$273.93	39.0	40.2	39.7	$ 7.14	$ 7.15	$ 6.90
DURABLE GOODS	294.26	309.54	285.91	40.2	42.0	40.1	7.32	7.37	7.13
Lumber & Wood Products	239.37	246.22	231.20	39.5	40.9	40.0	6.06	6.02	5.78
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	240.54	244.53	232.15	40.7	41.8	40.8	5.91	5.85	5.69
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	258.30	276.46	242.63	36.9	40.3	37.5	7.00	6.86	6.47
Furniture & Fixtures	251.86	257.75	229.97	39.6	40.4	37.7	6.36	6.38	6.10
Household Furniture	250.90	256.14	228.38	39.7	40.4	37.5	6.32	6.34	6.09
Wood Household Furniture	243.36	244.19	228.54	39.7	39.9	39.0	6.13	6.12	5.86
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	320.25	327.23	311.54	40.9	43.0	41.1	7.83	7.61	7.58
Structural Clay Products	262.35	281.94	245.50	40.3	44.4	41.4	6.51	6.35	5.93
Primary Metal Industries	353.62	373.50	359.20	41.7	45.0	44.9	8.48	8.30	8.00
Fabricated Metal Products	323.01	326.28	311.66	41.2	42.1	40.9	7.84	7.75	7.62
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	352.34	372.12	331.25	42.4	44.3	41.2	8.31	8.40	8.04
Special Industry Machinery	322.91	325.92	299.11	42.1	42.0	41.2	7.67	7.76	7.26
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	312.96	362.93	351.96	38.4	42.9	42.0	8.15	8.46	8.38
Household Appliances	252.13	249.98	239.77	36.7	38.4	37.7	6.87	6.51	6.36
Transportation Equipment	358.83	349.92	324.12	43.6	43.2	41.5	8.23	8.10	7.81
NONDURABLE GOODS	268.55	272.61	266.34	38.2	39.0	39.4	7.03	6.99	6.76
Food & Kindred Products	256.59	261.45	237.51	40.6	40.1	37.7	6.32	6.52	6.30
Meat Products	217.75	206.63	193.28	40.7	37.5	35.4	5.35	5.51	5.46
Meat Packing	365.90	334.96	342.21	46.2	42.4	42.3	7.92	7.90	8.09
Dairy Products	268.16	267.50	252.56	42.7	42.8	41.0	6.28	6.25	6.16
Grain Mill Products	302.47	311.24	304.64	43.9	44.4	44.8	6.89	7.01	6.80
Bakery Products	277.46	308.85	253.46	39.3	43.5	38.0	7.06	7.10	6.67
Beverages	454.95	516.88	425.52	42.4	45.5	41.8	10.73	11.36	10.18
Tobacco Manufacturers	453.87	460.11	427.35	36.9	37.9	37.0	12.30	12.14	11.55
Cigarettes	517.72	521.50	473.11	37.3	37.9	37.4	13.88	13.76	12.65
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	184.79	202.23	177.82	34.8	37.8	34.0	5.31	5.35	5.23
Textile Mill Products	240.16	242.17	251.65	38.0	38.5	40.2	6.32	6.29	6.26
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	274.03	268.11	280.83	39.6	38.8	40.7	6.92	6.91	6.90
Weaving Mills, Cotton	276.80	263.42	267.63	40.0	38.4	38.9	6.92	6.86	6.88
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	270.18	273.53	295.06	39.1	39.3	42.7	6.91	6.96	6.71
Knitting Mills	209.92	218.04	220.61	35.7	37.4	38.3	5.88	5.83	5.76
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	199.18	214.70	209.00	34.7	37.8	38.0	5.74	5.68	5.50
Hosiery, NEC	193.20	208.05	199.99	33.6	36.5	36.1	5.75	5.70	5.54
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	226.81	228.16	257.81	36.7	36.8	40.6	6.18	6.20	6.35
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	300.37	275.10	285.14	45.1	42.0	43.8	6.66	6.55	6.51
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	257.15	270.44	271.77	39.2	41.1	42.2	6.56	6.58	6.44
Yarn & Thread Mills	230.12	228.69	253.34	38.1	37.8	41.6	6.04	6.05	6.09
Apparel & Other Textile Products	181.15	187.50	184.00	35.8	37.5	36.8	5.06	5.00	5.00
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	175.62	182.43	183.60	34.1	35.7	36.0	5.15	5.11	5.10
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	173.04	177.92	174.11	35.9	37.3	36.5	4.82	4.77	4.77
Paper & Allied Products	485.10	475.89	447.89	44.1	43.7	43.4	11.00	10.89	10.32
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	604.66	587.86	547.36	45.6	44.3	44.0	13.26	13.27	12.44
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	336.77	335.58	332.32	42.9	43.3	43.9	7.85	7.75	7.57
Printing & Publishing	304.54	317.60	283.88	38.5	39.9	37.8	7.91	7.96	7.51
Newspapers	271.75	284.87	261.41	32.9	35.3	33.3	8.26	8.07	7.85
Chemicals & Allied Products	384.48	390.51	356.40	40.6	41.9	40.5	9.47	9.32	8.80
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	441.61	438.18	401.70	42.3	42.5	41.2	10.44	10.31	9.75
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	361.80	370.94	357.00	40.2	41.4	42.5	9.00	8.96	8.40
MINING	337.41	353.79	280.12	41.4	45.3	37.3	8.15	7.81	7.51
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	463.09	458.79	441.41	41.2	41.0	41.1	11.24	11.19	10.74
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	190.20	198.20	187.02	31.7	33.2	32.3	6.00	5.97	5.79
Wholesale Trade	298.33	300.60	285.71	39.1	39.5	39.3	7.63	7.61	7.27
Retail Trade	160.68	170.73	160.21	29.7	31.5	30.4	5.41	5.42	5.27
General Merchandise Stores	148.70	170.22	141.00	29.1	32.3	28.2	5.11	5.27	5.00
Variety Stores									
Food Stores	196.47	201.37	189.32	33.3	33.9	31.5	5.90	5.94	6.01
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	135.45	135.90	116.10	30.1	30.2	27.0	4.50	4.50	4.30
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	188.85	190.58	173.00	35.7	36.3	34.6	5.29	5.25	5.00

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